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SUBJECT: PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION APPROVES GOVERNMENT DRAFT ON
DECENTRALIZATION

REF: (A) ROME 11113; (B) ROME 11364

SUMMARY: THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION CREATED BY LAW 382 TO
STUDY THE DECENTRALIZATION ISSUE APPROVED ON JULY 20 THE
FINAL PLAN DRAFTED BY THE GOVERNMENT. DC REPRESENTATIVES
ON THE COMMISSION VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE GOVERNMENT PLAN,
WHILE THE SOCIALISTS OPPOSED AND THE COMMUNISTS ABSTAINED.
THE COMMISSION'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS
REPRESENTS THE FIRST SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROVISION
OF THE PROGRAM ACCORD. END SUMMARY.

2. ON JULY 20 THE JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION CREATED
BY LAW 382 TO STUDY THE DECENTRALIZATION ISSUE VOTED ITS
APPROVAL OF THE FINAL VERSION OF THE DECENTRALIZATION PROGRAM
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PRESENTED BY THE GOVERNMENT. THE GOVERNMENT IS EM-
POWERED BY LAW 382 TO BEGIN IMPLEMENTING ITS PROPOSALS
IMMEDIATELY THROUGH DECREE LEGISLATION. ADOPTION OF AN
ACCEPTABLE DECENTRALIZATION PROGRAM PRIOR TO THE JULY
25 DEADLINE SET BY LAW 382 WAS ONE OF THE POINTS AGREED
UPON IN THE PROGRAM ACCORD (SEE REF. A) AND FAILURE ON
THE PART OF THE COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE GOVERNMENT PLAN

MIGHT HAVE HINDERED INTER-PARTY COOPERATION IN IMPLEMENTING THE REMAINDER OF THE ACCORD.

2. SERIOUS DIFFERENCES AROSE OVER CHANGES, DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO AVOID TURNING A SUBSTANTIAL DC PATRONAGE APPARATUS OVER TO REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS CONTROLLED BY THE PCI AND PSI, WHICH THE GOVERNMENT MADE ON PROPOSALS ORIGINALLY DRAFTED BY THE LEFT-CONTROLLED PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSION (SEE REF? B). IN THE END, THE DC WAS ABLE TO WIN COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAM WITH THE AID OF PCI ABSTENTION IN THE FINAL VOTING. PSI COMMISSION MEMBERS VOTED AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT PROGRAM.

3. COMMENT: THE PCI HAS AGAIN DEMONSTRATED THE POLITICAL IMPORTANCE WHICH IT ATTACHES TO THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM ACCORD AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH IT IS WILLING TO COMPROMISE ON HITHERTO FIRM POSITIONS, SUCH AS ITS INSISTANCE ON FULL DECENTRALIZATION, TO MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF THE ACCORD. GARDNER

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